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produce an optical image of the golf ball appearing adjacent said playing surface, simulating a golf ball for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough.

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10. A golf swing practice apparatus comprising:  
a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing;  
a support for supporting said playing surface; and  
a reflector positioned adjacent said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball so as to produce an optical image of the golf ball appearing adjacent said playing surface for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough.

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19. A golf swing practice apparatus comprising:  
a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing, said playing surface having an opening therethrough;  
a support for supporting said playing surface; and  
a reflector positioned in said support underlying said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball through the opening in said playing surface so as to produce an optical image of the golf ball appearing adjacent said playing surface approximately above the opening for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough.

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28. A golf swing practice apparatus comprising:  
a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing, said playing surface having an opening therethrough;  
a housing having an upper portion comprising said playing surface; and

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a reflector positioned in said housing underlying said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball through the opening in said playing surface so as to produce an optical image of the golf ball appearing approximately above the opening for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough.

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39. In combination with a golf practice range having a plurality of golf swing practice stations, a golf swing practice apparatus comprising:

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a playing surface for a golfer to thereon practice a swing; and

a reflector positioned adjacent said playing surface, said reflector comprising a curved reflecting surface adapted for focusing a reflection of a golf ball so as to produce an optical image of the golf ball appearing adjacent said playing surface for a golfer to swing a golf club therethrough;

wherein said golf swing practice apparatus comprises at least one of said plurality of golf swing practice stations.

40. A method of practicing a golf swing, comprising:

focusing a reflection of a golf ball from a curved reflecting surface to form an optical image of the golf ball appearing adjacent the curved reflecting surface; and swinging a golf club through the image of the golf ball to thereby practice the golf swing.